



RUMSON

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Settled in 1665



Built in 1885, the Church of the Holy Cross has been a Rumson landmark for 125 years and is celebrating its anniversary with events that began in June and will run through June, 2009.

ALL ABOUT RUMSON

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS

Holy Cross is celebrating its 125th year as a vibrant and active participant in the life of this community.

During the 1870's, the properties along Rumson Road began to be developed into large estates that featured elegant, large mansions referred to as "cottages" because they were the summer and week-end homes of New York City residents. The "Cottagers" as chronicled in the *New York Times*, hosted fashionable parties and sporting events at their "Seabright" estates which were painstakingly recorded on the "Society at Home and Abroad" page. They maintained extensive household staffs who labored on the farms, gardens and in the homes as butlers, cooks, nannies and servants. The household servants traveled with families from their residences in New York City to work at the Cottages, their seashore homes. They came from Ireland, Italy, England, France, Germany and other countries of Europe. Whereas, the "Cottagers" were mostly Episcopalians and Presbyterians, many of the immigrant workers were Roman Catholics, and there was need for a church to serve this growing population.

During May of 1883, the Bishop of Trenton, sent Rev. John H. Fox to investigate the feasibility of starting a parish in Seabright. He rented the Knights of Pythias Hall in Poppin-ga's River Side Hotel at the steamboat landing between South and River Streets in Sea Bright, the only space that would accommodate a large group, and offered the first Mass on June 17, 1883. He kept a ledger book and carefully recorded his expenses, which included his carriage rides to and from the hotel and his lodgings of \$9.00 per month, and his receipts, which included the donations to the collection plate and door collection which totaled \$52.86 at the first service. By late August, enough money had been collected to enable Father Fox to purchase 200 stools and a new altar. The first child born and baptized in the new parish was Mary Anne McCarron, daughter of Hugo McCarron and Margaret Nolan McCarron born on June 24, 1883 and baptized on July 7, 1883. The first couple married by Father Fox was Patrick J. Aylward and Joan Carton, who were married on Oct. 31, 1883. On March 4, 1884, The Church of the Holy Cross, Sea Bright, NJ was officially incorporated.

The officials of the newly incorporated Parish set out to find a location for the church, and their search took them across the river to what is now Ward Avenue in Rumson. On August 19, 1885, they purchased a strip of property from Anna L. Rutherford, wife of Robert W. Rutherford. The Rutherfords had owned the property for about four years since their purchase from Samuel H. Hartshorne and his wife, Elizabeth V. Hartshorne in 1881.

Around the same time, Bishop O'Farrell purchased property from the cow pastures of the Tredwell Estate in what is now the southern section of West Park. The Church of the Holy Cross paid property taxes on the area which remained under ownership of the Catholic Church until Bishop O'Farrell left the Diocese of Trenton for another post in 1894. Ownership of this land was eventually transferred to the Diocese of Trenton in 1903. On March 9, 1906, the acreage was sold to Rufus S. Merritt, a partner in the Land and Loan Company, which developed this and adjacent properties into the present day West Park. Residents of Waterman Avenue and Warren Street should find the

Land and Loan Company and the Roman Catholic Church in their title searches.

On May 18th, 1885 The Church of the Holy Cross, Seabright, NJ engaged John Burke, Carpenter and Builder from Asbury Park, to build the church as designed by Patrick Charles Keely. Born in Ireland, Mr. Keely (1816-1896) was an architect who specialized in Roman Catholic churches. He designed nearly 700 churches during his career. The cost of construction was \$8,440.00.

The cornerstone was put into place, and building began on August 30, 1885. Among the donors who supported this church were the many immigrant parishioners who "passed the hat" and donated what they could, but some of the Cottagers also contributed generously to The Church of the Holy Cross.

José de Navarro (1823-1909) was a Spanish entrepreneur who owned a great deal of property in Seabright and in what is now Rumson. On the 1889 map of Rumson Road, he is shown as the owner of the river-to-river strip of land between Bellevue and Buena Vista Avenues. It is possible that those two Spanish derived street names may have been created by Señor de Navarro. An 1895 map of Seabright shows that he and his wife also owned an oceanfront 'cottage' north of the bridge and the strip of land adjoining what was the old Peninsula House that is now Chapel Beach Club. Before Holy Cross was built, the DeNavarro family travelled to St. James Church in Red Bank, a parish that they generously supported. José de Navarro donated \$4,000, the cost of the entire building lot, to The Church of the Holy Cross. Windows depicting St. Anthony and St. Alphonsus and bearing the names of his sons were donated by Señor de Navarro in memory of his parents, and it is believed that his sons, Antonio Fernando and Alfonso, donated an altar.

Other large donors included Rumson summer resident Clinton Fisk (1828-1890), a Methodist for whom Fisk University and Fair Haven's Fisk Chapel were named. William Everard Strong, who was memorialized by the donation of St. George's-by-the-River Episcopal Church, gave a generous donation and paid pew rentals for his servants. The Strong family employed no fewer than ten servants, nearly all of them from Ireland. The entry in the Holy Cross receipt book lists "Strong's Girls" as occupants of one of the rented pews.

The completed structure was dedicated on June 27, 1886 by Bishop O'Farrell and has been in service with few alterations until the present time. Holy Cross has detailed records of the 1885 First Communion and 1886 Confirmation listing many Rumson family names such as Carton, Shea, O'Melia and Wooley. The original Victorian style Rectory was built at the same time as the church by John Burke for \$4,750.00. A parish hall was erected behind the rectory and church in 1893 and years later a new rectory replaced both structures.

Father Fox was succeeded by the Reverend Edward Egen, in 1893, and served for 18 years before his successor, The Reverend Michael Callahan, arrived in 1915.

As more Catholic families moved to Rumson, a large portion of the Holy Cross congregation settled in the Oceanic Village section of Rumson and had difficulty finding transportation to the Church. Around 1915, services were held at the Red Men's Hall, and when property was acquired on West River Road, Rev.

Michael Callahan spearheaded the construction of Holy Rosary Mission Church, which was dedicated in 1923. This little church served the community well for many years until it was closed in 1994. The building was sold in 2001 and has been remodeled into professional offices.

The Church was able to expand its property and add the school due to the generosity of its neighbor, Bernon Prentice, whose estate, The Corners, was located on 2.5 acres on the north-west corner of Rumson Road and Ward Avenue. A Colonial Revival style mansion designed by Sidney V. Stratton and a stable had been constructed on the property, which was once a part of the Tredwell Estate, in 1890.

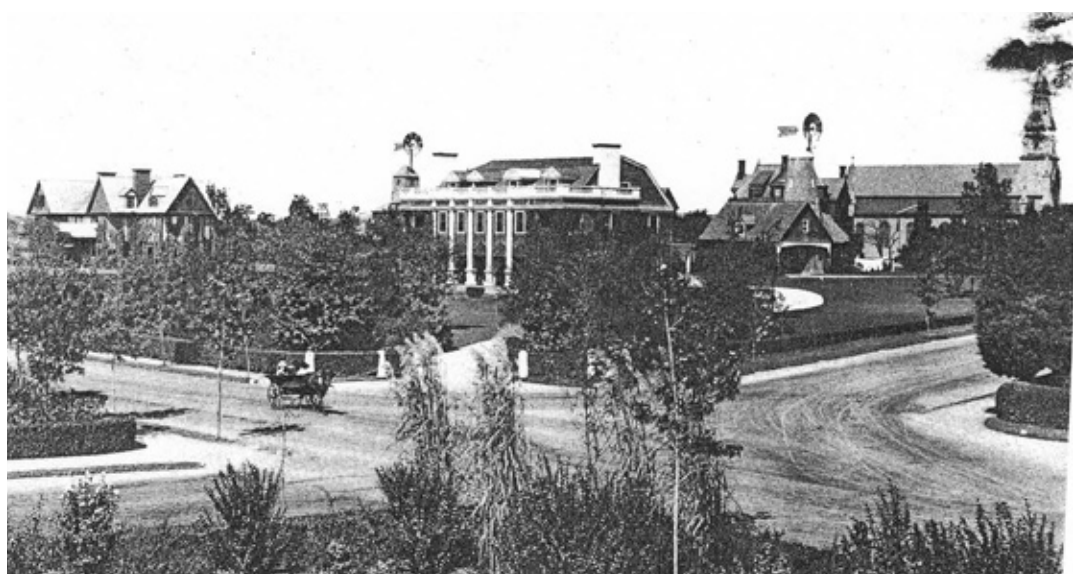
The adjacent 2.5 acre property was purchased from the Tredwell Estate in 1889 for \$3,826 by Harold and Valerie Hadden, who built a grand home on Rumson Road and named it Adydon. The Haddens lived at 7 East 76th Street in New York and spent their summers with their seven children on this estate.

James W. Ellsworth purchased The Corners in 1909. His daughter, Claire Ellsworth Prentice, was Bernon Prentice's first wife. Bernon Prentice was a successful investment banker and renowned tennis champion who held 25 consecutive men's singles titles at the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club from 1902-1927. Prentice served as Chairman of the 1932-1933 American Prentice Cup Committee. He donated the Prentice Cup for the international tennis matches between the combined teams of Oxford-Cambridge and Harvard-Yale which rotated between England, Newport, RI and the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club. That competition continues to this day and was held at the Club in August. The Corners was left to Mrs. Prentice by her father and after her death in 1929 the property passed to Bernon Prentice.

After the 1916 passing of his neighbor Valerie Hadden, Bernon Prentice purchased the Adydon estate on its 4.66 acres, demolished the mansion, kept its large frame stable/garage in the rear of the property and built a large greenhouse nearby.

In 1940, Bernon Prentice conveyed by deed a tract of land 150 feet in width and about 1 1/3 acres to the Seabright Lawn Tennis and Cricket Club. Records show Mr. Prentice had a friendship with Holy Cross Pastor Reverend John W. Murray, who served the Parish between 1923 and 1941. Father Murray had expressed an interest in purchasing a small amount of land at the northern edge of The Corners, but Mr Prentice was ready to downsize. William Hintelmann of the Hintelmann Real Estate Firm on Avenue of Two Rivers was instrumental in the sale during the economically difficult World War II period.

The Church entered into a contract to purchase The Corners for \$10,000 through an agreement dated February 3, 1941. Mr. Prentice gave the remaining part of the Hadden property to the Church as a Deed of Gift in memory of Father Murray, who



had passed away earlier in the year. Mr. Prentice said, "I would like to make this donation in Father Murray's memory. I know of no one in our community that has done more for the people of Rumson than Father Murray, and it gives me great pleasure to commemorate his name in this way." Outside of what was specified in the contract, Mr. Prentice gave the greenhouses, rugs, curtains, awnings and some furniture as well as the clock and bell from the Hadden stable. He added "by the way, this bell came from the town hall of Lexington, Kentucky." The Prentice home served the parish for more than twenty years before it was replaced by a new convent in 1963.

When the Church took over the property, Mr. Prentice wrote to Holy Cross, asking the church to hire Tony Foderamo, who had been his faithful Italian gardener at The Corners for more than 20 years. While the church did not keep Tony Foderamo on at Holy Cross, he maintained his orchard next to his Holly Street home and today, members of his family can be found in the Rumson area, including his granddaughter, Carol Rich. Tony's niece, Rose Foderamo Lagrotteria, grew up in Rumson and was a contributor to the 1944 book, *The History of Rumson*, written when she was a junior at Rumson High School. She remembers Father John Murray as a "typical Irishman, but he was very tolerant of us Italians".

Work started immediately after the closing and architect J. Sanford Shanley was hired to design the renovation of the The Corners into a school and a convent. Shanley configured the first Holy Cross School with a convent for the teaching staff, the Sisters of Mercy. The new pastor was Rev. P.J. Clune, a seasoned school administrator who quickly got the school up and running. It opened with Kindergarten through fourth grade. There was a fireplace in each classroom, and the cafeteria was outside in the carriage house. The new Pastor was the Rev. P.J. Clune, a seasoned school administrator who quickly got the school up and running. It opened with Kindergarten through fourth grade and expanded a grade each year until it reached the eighth grade in 1946 with a total of 169 pupils. The first class graduated in June of 1946.

When The Reverend Joseph A. Sullivan arrived in 1947, he championed the construction of the current school building, which began in 1952 and was followed by an addition built in

1962. Mayor John E. Ekdahl shared his memories of Father Sullivan and recalls how much he cared about the children. He remembers how the end of the marking periods were special because Father Sullivan would visit each classroom and personally hand the report cards out to all of the students, commenting on their performance as he went along. "Everyone from Holy Cross School remembers the annual March 18th assembly in the auditorium with Father Sullivan. We all knew what was coming, but he would play up the suspense until the very end when he would grandly announce that there would be no school the next day! This went on for years. March 19th was The Feast of St. Joseph, Fr. Sullivan's patron saint, but I can tell you that the holiday never appeared on any school calendar." In 2007, the latest addition expanded the capacity of the school once again. At this time, there are about 450 students in Grades pre-Kindergarten through eighth grade.



In 1973, The Reverend William J. Kokoszka, a retired Navy Chaplain, became Pastor. Under his stewardship, the church completed needed renovations and built a new rectory in 1977. When the Sisters of Mercy left in 1980, Father Kokoszka brought the Franciscan Missionary Sisters of the Infant Jesus to the school. In 1988, Father Kokoszka was succeeded by Father Joseph Hughes, who energized the school and revitalized parish committees during his time as Pastor. With the departure of the Franciscan Sisters in 1992, the school gradually began to be administered by lay people. Father Michael Manning began his ministry at the Church of the Holy Cross in 2004.

The Parish of the Church of the Holy Cross has grown steadily and now includes over 2,000 local families. More than 25 ministries are carried on including the Altar Guild, lectors, ushers, School Advisory Council and Bereavement Ministry. Over 400 Parishioners donate their time and talents to serve the Church. Recently, Holy Cross Parish studied expanding the present church which seats 250 congregants. Many options have been discussed, and committees continue to meet in an effort to decide exactly what will best meet the needs of the Parish. The next capital campaign is about a year away and no decisions will be made until that time.

The 125th Anniversary Celebration began in June with a Mass and a Turn of the Century lawn party held at the Church. Wicker chairs, strolling musicians, games of croquet and sack races all supported the 1890's theme. Other activities celebrating the 125th Anniversary are planned through June 2009. Look for historical lectures, a special musical event, a kitchen tour and *Breaking Bread*, a Holy Cross Cookbook, coming in the months ahead. On May 16th the Parish will hold the 125th Anniversary Dance. Former teachers, families of former pastors and others

close to the Parish have promised to be in attendance at this special event. The culmination of the year-long celebration will be a Mass celebrated on June 14, 2009 by Bishop John Smith and followed by a reception. For more information on these events, please contact the Parish office at 732-842-0348 or visit www.holycrossrumson.org

POLICE DEPARTMENT

On September 17, 2008, the Rumson Police Department, in cooperation with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicle Commission's Mobile Inspection Team, conducted a DMV checkpoint. Overall, 28 summonses were issued and 20 full inspections were conducted by the State MVC Mobile Inspection Team. The most common violations were failure to have vehicle inspected and failure to wear a seat belt. According to Patrolman Chris Isherwood, the event organizer, the purpose of such mobile checkpoints is to keep unsafe vehicles off the road and, by doing so, keep other drivers and their passengers safe. At least one more check-point is planned before the end of the year.

Fall Safety Tips for Motorists

Fall is here, and the Rumson Police would like to again remind motorists of several factors that present themselves at this time of year.

- As the leaves begin to fall, they can create a very slippery road surface, especially when wet. Please be mindful of this, and also watch for children playing in leaf piles.
- Halloween is also around the corner and children will be out gathering treats. Please watch for them and slow down.
- Also be reminded that White Tail Deer inhabit Rumson and begin their rut in early October. During this period they are not as cautious and often run across the roadway in search of a mate. Younger male deer are driven off by their mothers and also become stressed. Please pay close attention while traveling our roadways, and drive carefully, particularly at dusk.

DOG LICENSES

Dog Licenses expire on December 31, 2008.

Renewals and new dog licenses must be applied for at Borough Hall during the month of January, 2009. In order for a new license to be issued, rabies shots must be valid through October 31, 2009.

Please keep in mind that a \$5.00 per month late fee will be assessed on every dog license issued after January 31, 2009.

Schedule of Free Rabies Clinics

Thur. Nov. 6 7 pm-8pm Rumson Public Works Garage
 Thurs. Nov. 20 7pm-8pm Highlands Municipal Building
 Sat. Nov. 22 10:30 am-12:30 pm Holmdel Twp. DPW Garage
 Sat. Jan. 3 10 am-11 am Tinton Falls Municipal Complex
 Please have dogs on a leash. Animals must be supervised by an adult. If you have questions, please contact (732) 493-9520

The Rumson Police Department's Halloween Safety Tips

- Stay within your neighborhood, and only visit homes you know.
- Examine all treats before eating them.
- Watch for traffic, and always stop at the curb and look both ways.
- Only give or accept tightly wrapped candy.
- Wear bright colored clothing with reflective trim which is short enough to prevent tripping.
- Go "Trick or Treating" during daylight hours, and carry a flashlight in case it gets dark while you are out.
- Walk on the sidewalk at all times. If there are no sidewalks, walk on the left side of the street facing traffic.
- Walk don't run from house to house.
- Never go into the home of someone you don't know.
- Stay in a group; never go out alone.
- Please don't litter!!

These easy safety tips will help you to enjoy Halloween in a safe and enjoyable manner. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Rumson Police Department at 732-842-0500, or stop in and see us at 51 Center Street.

Happy Halloween!

Life Saving Award Presentation

On Tuesday October 28th, at the 7:30pm Rumson Borough Council Meeting, Sgt. Nixon, Sgt. Koenig, Ptl. Gaynor, Ptl. York will be presented with Life Saving Awards for the CPR resuscitation of Timothy Wagner, age 52, of Watchung, NJ. Also presented with awards will be the Rumson EMS, Rumson resident Ellen Miles, RN, and 16-year-old Michael Wahelan of Red Bank, NJ.

At 7:47am on the morning of May 25th, 2008, the Rumson Police Department received a call requesting Police and First Aid response for a vehicle which had run off the road and crashed on the property of 87 Rumson Rd.

Within a few minutes, the patrols arrived at the scene and found the vehicle crashed into a bush along the Osprey Lane portion of a Rumson Road residence. The patrols found the driver, Timothy Wagner, on the ground outside the vehicle along with the passenger, Michael Wahelan, and a nurse, Ellen Miles, who had started CPR. Michael Wahelan reported to the Police that he was in the passenger's seat of Mr. Wagner's car when Mr. Wagner told him that he was not feeling well and became unresponsive. Michael said that he had to immediately take control of the vehicle, which was driving off the roadway. Ellen Miles, who had been driving behind the vehicle, saw this and immediately stopped to give assistance. She helped Michael pull Mr. Wagner out of the vehicle and started CPR.

Without hesitation, Rumson Police Officers took over CPR on Mr. Wagner who was not breathing and did not have a pulse. The Rumson EMS arrived on the scene and transported Mr. Wagner to Riverview Hospital.

After being treated at the Riverview ICU, Mr. Wagner was rehabilitated and released from the hospital. Due to the professional response that Sgt. Nixon, Sgt. Koenig, Ptl. Gaynor, Ptl. York and Rumson Emergency Services demonstrated, as well as the selfless assistance from Nurse Ellen Miles and passenger

Michael Wahelan, Mr. Wagner was given a second chance at life.

RUMSON FIRE DEPARTMENT

October is Fire Prevention Month, but fire prevention should be practiced all year round.

Remember to change your smoke detector batteries when you change the clocks after Daylight Savings Time.

Make sure the chimney has been cleaned before the first fire of the season is lit in the fireplace.

OCEANIC FREE LIBRARY

There have been some wonderful things happening at the Oceanic Free Library. We enjoyed another successful Children's Summer Reading Program. On August 12th, "Say 'ugh' to a bug" finished with a visit from "the Lizard Guy", refreshments and squeals of delight from the children. Our fall session of Children's Programs kicked off on September 9th and will continue through the year. Times are listed in the box below.

In addition to the Children's Programs, we have greatly expanded our "Young Adult" collection and are always open to additional title suggestions. Don't forget our ever-growing audio book collection to keep everyone occupied during long car trips. We have also expanded our Large Print collection for those with vision issues.

Perhaps our most exciting innovation is our new website designed for us by Rumson resident Debra Williams. We would like to thank Debra for her hard work and for helping us to obtain this new site, which is user friendly and will keep our residents up to date on all that is happening at the Oceanic Free Library. Patrons can now browse our catalog and even renew books online. Check us out at www.oceaniclibrary.org.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Every Tuesday

Baby Storytime Series, Ages 10 months to 2 years (with parent/caregiver) 10:00 am-10:20 am

Toddler Storytime Series, Ages 2-3 (with parent/caregiver) 10:30-10:50 am

Preschool Storytime Series, Ages 3-5, 11-11:30 am

School Age Programs, Grades K-5, 3:30-4:15 pm

Local artists continue to brighten our walls and the display case with samples of their creativity. Most of their items are for sale, and our artists donate 20% of their sales prices to the Library. This is a new source of income which is very gratefully received to help fund the Library. Vicky Culver's photo collages in September and Mike Quon's water colors in October were wonderful. Jewelry exhibitors included Pat Alcaro and Anette Menzel. Drop in to admire and perhaps purchase the works of Toni Cook and Anette Menzel in November. Jane Lux's watercolors will be on display in December as well as Marty Beaton's bead jewelry. January will bring the oil landscapes of Christopher Hand and jewelry by Nancy Hagerman. Come and see what talented neighbors we have.

We are excited to announce plans for the formation of FOOL, Friends of the Oceanic Library. We hope to attract library lovers and supporters to help us work toward additional

improvements and projects to enhance our library and its profile in the community. If you have seen the Meeker Children's Room, you know what can be done. We are eager to welcome members to this new group. If you are interested in becoming a FOOL, or if you would like to learn more about the group, please see our website, stop in at the Circulation Desk or call Karen (732-747-9141). Our next meeting is November 13th at 7:00 pm at the Library.

In addition to new books and other media, we have some changes that you may have noticed. The Book Drop is now locked during our hours of operation, and we ask that patrons bring their library articles to the Circulation Desk. In addition, fines are now \$.20 per day for late books, and \$2.00 per day for movies.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday and Thursday	1:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday	10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturdays	10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Closed: Tuesday, November 4 for Election Day; Tuesday, November 11 for Veterans' Day; Wednesday, Nov. 26 1:00 pm Closing and November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving; Wednesday, December 24-26 for Christmas; Wednesday, December 31-January 1, 2009 for New Year's Day and Monday, January 19 for Martin Luther King Day

Book Club meets fourth Thursday of the month: call the Library for details.

Knitting Group meets Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm. All levels welcome. We are happy to announce the formation of our "Learn to Knit" group, which is open to children who are 10 years old and above. It meets Fridays at the Library from 3:30-4:30 pm with instruction from expert knitters. Cost of each lesson is a \$10.00 donation to the library. Call Sue (732-747-5481) for more information.

The Oceanic Free Library is always happy to accept donations of books, magazines and audio books. We must ask that you limit these donations to "gently read" current titles or issues. We also ask you to bring your donations in during business hours. If we already have the title in our collection, it will be sold, and this is another good fund-raiser for the Library. All donated magazines will be sold. These sales generate much needed funds and truly help the Library. If you have an especially valuable book to donate or wish to donate material in memory of a loved one, PLEASE bring these donations to the attention of Nanette so that we can get information concerning the book plate inscription and/or tax information. Please do not leave bags of donated books by the door or in the book drop. We have lost too many good books to the weather. We truly appreciate your generosity and will be happy to answer any questions about your book donations. If we are unable to accept them, we can suggest an alternative. Please call us at (732) 842-2692 with any questions.

We have recently received a generous donation from the Rumson Community Appeal, and we are most grateful to all who elected the Library on their reply cards. The Community Appeal letter for 2009 will arrive soon. Please keep us in your

thoughts, because we need your support. Even though we receive some assistance from the Borough of Rumson, we are NOT a municipal library. Our own Annual Appeal letters go out in mid-April in conjunction with National Library Week. We thank you for your continued generous support and look forward to seeing all of our residents in the Library. We have something for everyone!

RUMSON GARDEN CLUB

The Rumson Garden Club was founded in 1914 for the purpose of stimulating the knowledge and love of gardening. Through the proceeds of our annual plant sale, held on the first Saturday in May, we have been able to design and maintain the gardens on the islands on Rumson Road, the Borough sign on River Road, the corner of Victory Park and the garden at West Park. We have also assisted in the planning and plantings of the Deane-Porter pond, the Millennium Garden and the Butterfly Garden at Forrestdale School. The RGC also plants and maintains the window boxes at the Oceanic Free Library year round. The Garden Club first started working on the plantings around the Deane-Porter pond under the leadership of Mrs. Niels Johnson in the mid 1960's.

The Garden Club awards a \$2,000.00 scholarship annually to a current or past graduate of Rumson-Fair Haven Regional High School, or a Rumson resident who is a current or past graduate of a relevant Monmouth County Vocational/Technical School who plans to attend, or is attending, an accredited college and has shown a consistent interest in any area of Environmental studies, Conservation Marine Science or Horticulture. Carrie Preston, a graduate of RFHRHS was the first recipient of our scholarship. She has become a Landscape Architect and Garden Designer in Holland. Carrie's work was recently featured in a Dutch magazine.

The Garden Club holds an open meeting once a year featuring a lecture on a topic of interest. This year the meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 20th at 11:00 am at Rumson Country Club, and this event is open to the public. The scheduled speaker is Marta McDowell, and her topic will be "Fresh Garden Ideas From Across the Pond." In December of each year we have a Christmas Greens Workshop during which members decorate wreaths and make centerpieces for Rumson Borough Hall, the Oceanic Free Library and local charities.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Shade Tree Commission would like to remind residents that tree roots should be protected from soil compaction during construction. Construction damage to tree roots can take up to two years to kill a mature tree, so many property owners do not connect the loss of the tree to the earlier damage. The best way to protect a tree during construction is by erecting fencing/barriers along the drip line of the tree canopy.

The Borough continues to support efforts to replace trees. This is a project which enhances property values and makes Rumson such a beautiful place to live.

October into November provides dazzling color and a time when nature is all aglow.



The Davis Cup visited Rumson on the Week-end of August 22-24. Pictured is the Davis Cup in the Clubhouse of the Seabright Lawn Tennis & Cricket Club.

RUMSON RECREATION

Basketball registration for winter recreation basketball continues at the Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. This program is for children who are in grades 1-8. Registrations were due no later than 4:30 PM on October 10, 2008. Late registrations may be placed on a wait list if team rosters are full. There is a \$10 late fee for each registered child after 4:30 PM October 10, 2008. Children in Grades 1&2 may participate in Saturday morning clinics that are held in the Deane-Porter all-purpose room. The program begins on December 13, 2008 and runs through February 7, 2009. Children in First Grade should report at 9am, and children in Second Grade should report at 10:00am. Children in Grades 3-8 are placed on teams which practice during the week, and they play games on Friday evenings and Saturdays. Coaches will call parents to inform them regarding the placement of their child and information regarding the practice and game schedules. This program will begin the week of November 17, 2008 and run through March 7, 2009. The dates are subject to change.

Baseball, softball and tee ball registration forms will be distributed through the schools in late December. Please note that the leagues we enter may require an earlier registration deadline. Please register no later than January 15, 2009 for the baseball, softball and tee ball programs.

Girls Lacrosse (Grades 3-8) and the Lacrosse Co-ed Clinic (Grades K-2) will conduct two onsite registrations in January. The dates and times will be announced through the schools, on the website (www.rumsonnj.gov) and on the Community Bulletin Board. Please watch for this announcement.

RUMSON BOY SCOUT TROOP 201

Troop 201 started the new year with exciting plans for their first campout! In late September, the troop headed to Wharton State Park for a two day canoe trip down the Wading River. The boys camped overnight and practiced their outdoor cooking techniques. In October, the troop held its first Court Of Honor for the new year and badges were presented for all the work the boys did over the summer. October also included a backpacking trip and an exciting hike.

In November, the troop will visit Gettysburg to develop an appreciation for one of the most significant battles in the Civil War. They will walk the ground and learn what the troops on both sides saw, experienced and felt.

It's not too late to join in all the adventure and fun Troop 201 has to offer! If you have completed the 5th grade and are at least 11 years old, or who have earned the Arrow of Light, you are welcome to join us any Wednesday night from 7:30-9pm at Forrestdale School. For more information, email Miriam Tort at miriamtort@aol.com.

NEWS ABOUT ANTIBACTERIAL PRODUCTS

The overuse of antibacterial cleaning products in the home may be producing strains of multi-antibiotic resistant bacteria. Bacteria that are resistant to many antibiotics are known as multi-resistant organisms (MROs). Some of the media have made the point that bacteria in the home are harmful and must be eliminated by using any number of the antibacterial or antimicrobial products available.

These cleaning products are no more effective at preventing infection in the home than good personal and household hygiene using ordinary soap, warm water and plain detergent. Consumers should avoid using these products unless they have a specific medical reason to do so.

Soap and water is just as effective.

Effective hand washing with soap and household cleaning, using warm water and a plain detergent is the cheapest way to get rid of germs. Avoid antibacterial or antimicrobial products; they are more expensive, no more effective at cleaning and their widespread use may pose a wider health risk.

COMING IN 2009

Summer Childrens' Concert Series in Victory Park presented by Rumson Recreation Commission.

Watch for further details

**ANNUAL VETERANS' DAY
CEREMONY**

**VICTORY PARK
TUESDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2008
11:00 AM**

**Victory Park
Tree Lighting**

Sunday December 7th at 6:00 pm

Special Musical Guest

Refreshments

PLUS an exciting Holiday Surprise
topped off with a visit from the North Pole!



To complete his Eagle Scout project, Cameron Green organized a group of Troop 201 Scouts to help him to provide specific information for walkers and runners at Meadow Ridge Park. Working closely with Borough Administrator Tom Rogers and Mark Wellner of the DPW, Cameron created and installed signs along the Meadow Ridge Park trails to identify specific distances between points. In the photo above, Cameron Green and other Scouts are installing one of the signs.

**IMPORTANT MESSAGES FROM
THE RUMSON DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS AND RECYCLING**

- **LEAVES ONLY** will be collected during the months of November and December. **Leaves must be loose, raked to the curb and free of sticks and debris. DO NOT BAG. Final leaf pickup Dec. 31.**
- **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NO BRUSH PICKUP FROM NOV. 1 through DEC. 31. Brush pickup will resume January 1.**

The Rumson DPW picks up over 8500 cubic yards of leaves each autumn. Leaf collection is always a race against the clock to have all Borough streets clear before any potential snowfall. Rumson does NOT pick up: **GRASS, SOD, DIRT, STONE, CONCRETE, ASPHALT, CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS, FUEL TANKS, LOGS, STUMPS, CONTRACTORS' DEBRIS OR HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE.**

REMINDER: THERE IS NO OVERNIGHT PARKING ALLOWED ON ANY BOROUGH STREET FROM DECEMBER 1 THROUGH MARCH 31.

RECYCLING

Recyclable materials may be picked up curbside according to our schedule or brought to the recycling drop-off behind the Borough garage from 7 AM to 7 PM daily, 9 AM to 3 PM on weekends. The recycling drop-off is **CLOSED** on holidays.

NO DUMPING OF TRASH OR DEBRIS IS ALLOWED AT THE DROP-OFF.

Violators will be prosecuted (Ord. 13-6.7).

Bulky items and household goods are picked up by **APPOINTMENT ONLY**. Please call 732-842-8941 to arrange for a Wednesday pickup.

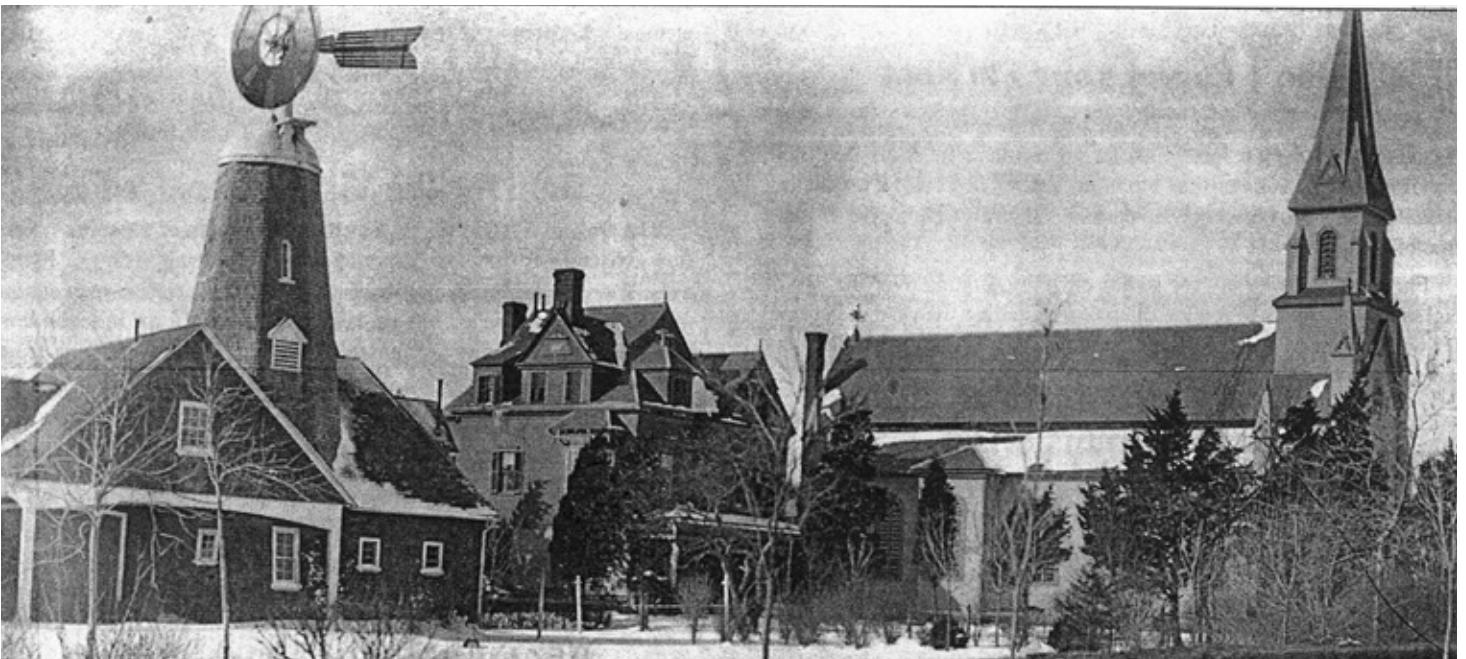
You may call the **Monmouth County Household Hazardous Waste Disposal** at 732-922-2234 to schedule an appointment at their facility for paint, oil, pesticides/herbicides, etc.

Thank you for your cooperation during this busy season.

There is no garbage or recycling pickup on holidays. Please wait for your next scheduled pickup date.

**For more information please call James Mellish, Recycling Coordinator,
At 732-842-8941, Ext. 2.**

THANK YOU FOR RECYCLING IN RUMSON!



Vintage Photo of The Church of the Holy Cross



Norman and Joanne Long have let us know that their two granddaughters have entered the United States Navy and are doing very well. MMFN Jennifer McLaughlin is a Machinist Mate in the Reactor Propulsion Department of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower and preparing for her first tour of duty. MM3 Kymberly McLaughlin is a Petty Officer 3rd Class and is stationed at the Nuclear Power Program in Goose Creek, South Carolina. Kym graduated from RFH and Collier High School with the Class of 2006, and Jennifer graduated from RFH with the Class of 2007. After taking Basic Training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Chicago, the new Sailors headed to their first assignments. Their mother, Barbara McLaughlin, sister and grandparents are very proud and supportive of both girls. Norman Long served with the Navy during WWII and retired from a 34 year long career in the Rumson DPW several years ago



MMFN Jennifer McLaughlin



MM3 Kymberly McLaughlin

Chris and Johanna Kjesbu have cause to be proud of their son, Sgt. Kristian Kjesbu, USMC, who is back in the United States after two tours in Iraq. His first deployment was a convoy security mission, and he served as the Regimental Data Chief, for Camp Fallujah during his last tour of duty. Kris is proud of the work that the Marines accomplished in Iraq, "The City of Ramadi was one of the most violent places in Iraq at the time of my first deployment, and it is now one of the safest. The US won the hearts of the people, and they rid the city of the insurgents that had terrorized them for years." Upon his first homecoming from Iraq, he was given a fabulous welcome and party by the Rumson Fire Department and Police Department which his family will never forget. An RFH graduate from the Class of 2001, he is now a Data Communications Instructor at Quantico, the US Marines base in Virginia. Sgt Kjesbu

is taking college courses and working on a degree in Computer Science; he is on the Dean's List. He was married last year.

The Kavanaugh family has cause for celebration. Sgt. Morgan Kavanaugh, USMC, has finished his military service. He had served two tours in Iraq and was home after having completed his active duty when he was recalled, given three months of training and redeployed to Iraq in February of this year. His THIRD deployment took him to many different areas of Iraq where he served as a forward observer who preceded troops into areas and radioed back information. He returned to Rumson on September 9th, spent four days at home and went out to California to be discharged from the Marines after seven years most of which was spent in Iraq. The son of Dennis and Claire Kavanaugh, Sgt. Kavanaugh is a graduate of Holy Cross School and the Red Bank Catholic High School Class of 2001. Welcome home, Morgan, and thank you for your service to our country.

Please keep the following Rumson Servicemen and women in your thoughts as we wish for their well-being and safe return from their assignments: Corporal Brendan Duffy, USMC; Specialist Brian Custer, US Army; 1st Lt. Jonathan Erwin, US Army; Christian George, US Coast Guard; Petty Officer 2nd Class Patrick George, US Navy; Major (P) Lisa Jenny Hou, NJ Army National Guard Medical Corps; SGT Kristian Kjesbu, USMC; SGT Matt Marks, USMC; MMFN Jennifer McLaughlin, US Navy and MMFN 3rd Class Kymberly McLaughlin, US Navy.

If anyone knows of any other Rumson people who are serving in the military or has details to share about their service, please let the editor know at avananda@comcast.net so that we can highlight them in upcoming issues. We are also asking families of Servicemen and women to provide photographs to be displayed at Borough Hall.



Sgt and Mrs Kristian Kjesbu



After a busy Summer, President Vivian McCormick welcomed the members back along with new member, Margaret Lesse. The Audit Committee met on September 6th and Treasurer Rosemary Hulse read the report. Members were pleased to learn that the Club remains financially sound.

Jeannette DiSpirito and Vivian McCormick will co-chair the annual Holiday Bazaar, which has been scheduled for November 22nd. Once again, there will be three raffles, along with the Gift Auction and other tables. The handmade and decorated dollhouse will be donated once again by Irmgard Thompson. This year, she has made a "Senior Condo" which is quite unique. The 26" Toshiba HD television will be donated by Rosemary Hulse, Vivian McCormick and Jeanne Cuje, and the three large grocery baskets will be donated by all members. This is the Club's only fundraiser and has always been a huge success. Please mark your calendar and support our efforts.

Second Vice President Marge Bergman has announced that the first trip this year will be to the Platzl Brauhaus in Pomona, New York to enjoy their authentic German food and Oktoberfest entertainment. This has always been one of our favorite trips.

Jeanne Cuje and Dolores Ryan will make arrangements for the Holiday Luncheon in December. It will be held once again at Salt Creek Grille.

Condolences have been extended to Ann Laskowski who lost her sister during the summer months.

Letters of appreciation were received from high school students Tara McCormick and Casey Herrlick, recipients of cash awards from the Club at the High School Awards ceremony last June. This is one of the Club's traditions.

Rev. John Monroe extended an invitation to all members to attend the Rumson Presbyterian Church's open house on October 19th. The Church celebrated their newly renovated Memorial Garden and rededicated Sanctuary.

The annual dues have been \$10.00 since the club organized in 1970. The officers and trustees proposed an increase this year to \$15.00 annually. This was approved unanimously by the members. Dues and money earned at the fundraiser are used to cover the cost of two luncheons, gifts and cards for shut-ins, donations for deceased members, donations to high school graduates and to the Church, food at meetings and prizes for games and contests, along with other community endeavors.

Lillian Haines, First Vice President and Sunshine Committee Chair, updated the status of our inactive and shut-in members. She is in charge of all in-house socials. She began the year with an enjoyable Bingo game in September and the annual Halloween party, and costume and pumpkin painting was held in October.

The club is proud to acknowledge Mark McCormick, son-in-law of member, Martha Heaton. Mark took first place in the NJS-GA Open Championship in August. Mark and his family live in Middletown. His 16 year old son, Ryan, also competed, shooting a highly respectable 76-79 in the first two rounds. Members like to let fellow members and their families know about such achievements.

The Rumson Senior Citizens Club meets bi-monthly on the 2nd and 4th Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in Wilson Hall, Rumson Presbyterian Church. All Rumson residents, 55 and older, as well as their family members and friends who live outside Rumson are welcome to join. If a meeting must be cancelled due to inclement weather, President McCormick will have her Telephone Committee notify all members.

Respectfully Submitted:

Jeanne Cuje, Publicity Chairman

Meeting Dates:

November 10 and 24

November 22 **Holiday Bazaar**

December 8

December 15 **Holiday Luncheon** – Salt Creek

January 12 and 26

Monmouth County Regional Health Commission No. 1

FLU/PNEUMONIA CLINIC SCHEDULE

Flu/Pneumonia immunizations will be offered to anyone over 18 years of age. The cost for Non-Medicare eligible participants will be \$23.00 for the flu shot and \$28.00 for the pneumonia shot. Eligible Medicare Participants having Part B (medical) insurance need just present their Medicare cards. No other insurance is accepted. The Commission will make every effort to adhere to clinic schedule, but it retains the right to modify eligibility requirements, times, dates and/or cancel clinics. Any changes will be posted on our website mcrhc.org.

Mon. Oct. 27	11 am-1 pm	Red Cross Building, West Park Ave. Tinton Falls
Mon. Nov. 3	9 am-12 noon	Red Bank Senior Center
	12 noon-1 pm	Lunch Break Red Bank
Wed. Nov. 5	11 am-1pm	Boro Hall- Monmouth Beach
Mon. Nov. 10	10 am-12 noon	Community Ctr-Eatontown
Thurs. Nov. 13	11 am-12 noon	PTAK Towers-Highlands
Mon. Nov. 17	11am-12 noon	Community Ctr-Shrewsb Twp.
Wed. Nov. 19	12 noon-1 pm	Boro Hall-Sea Bright
Tues. Nov. 25	10 am-11 am	SCAN-Monmouth Mall

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CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 26 HALLOWEEN PARADE AND PARTY, FORRESTDALE SCHOOL, 3:15 PM
- 30 HALLOWEEN EVE CURFEW 6:00 PM FOR ANYONE UNDER 18
- 31 HALLOWEEN CURFEW 8:00 PM FOR ANYONE UNDER 18

NOVEMBER

- 3 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 5 Shade Tree Commission, 4:00 pm
- 10 & 24 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am
- 11 VETERANS' DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
VETERANS' DAY CEREMONY, VICTORY PARK, 11:00 AM
- 11 & 25 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 18 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 19 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 22 RUMSON SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB HOLIDAY BAZAAR, PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 10 AM-2:30 PM
- 27 & 28 THANKSGIVING, NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED

DECEMBER

- 1 Planning Board, 7:30 pm
- 3 Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 7 VICTORY PARK TREE LIGHTING CEREMONY, 6:00 PM
- 8 Senior Citizens Club, Presbyterian Church, 10:00 am
- 9 & 23 Borough Council, 7:30 pm
- 15 Senior Citizens Club Holiday Luncheon, Salt Creek Grill
- 16 Zoning Board, 7:30 pm
- 17 Recreation Commission, 7:30 pm
- 25 & 26 CHRISTMAS: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED

JANUARY

- 1 NEW YEAR'S DAY: NO GARBAGE COLLECTION, BOROUGH HALL AND LIBRARY CLOSED
- 1 Borough Regorganization Meeting, Bingham Hall, 12:00 noon
- 5 Planning Board, 7:30 pm

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